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REPORT

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

It was observed on 25 July 1955, that a number of aircraft crates had not been moved from their location in the northern portion of the billeting area at Finow airfield. At 1500 on 25 July, four open crates and four MiG-15s, with disassembled wings, were observed on the loading ramp at the rail siding. It was assumed, that these MiG-15s had been readied for shipment. At 1740, only three MiG-15s were seen at the place mentioned while the fourth aircraft had been crated in one of the boxes. This crate was still open on one side. The step under the tail unit definitely indicated a MiG-15. Another 30 to 35 crates were seen at the storage area for aircraft crates.

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Comment. The packing of MiG-15s into aircraft crates is reported for the first time. Shipments of aircraft crates which were dispatched from fighter airfields in the DDR to the USSR have been observed during the past several months, but it was never learned whether they were loaded or empty. The observation of these 4 MiGs being readied for rail transport now indicates that MiG-15s, which have become surplus due to the fighter regiments being re-equipped with MiG-17s, are being shipped by rail from the DDR.

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